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CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

The Salt Lake stake conference, advertised to be held March 6, has been postponed to March 20.

JOSEPH F. SMITH.

NEW YORK FOR RETRENCHMENT

The new city fathers of New York are making a record in econor thereby setting an example worthy emulation by other cities. It is stated in one of the New York dailies that the saving in expenses during the first six weeks of the new regime amounts to no less than a million dollars. It be more but it is not less.

One of the deliberate thefts of the past was found in the public advertising. Papers had been started for the express purpose of obtaining graft. It was commonly understood that when a politician of prominence had the influence he would undertake to support a weekly newspaper by ob-taining for it city advertising, which would be in excess of the cost of pub-Mayor Gaynor has cut off these parasites and thereby saved the city probably \$200,000 a year, on that item

In the fire department another \$200,-000 has been saved. Chief Rhinelander Waldo has sold vehicles used by fire ommissioners, eiminated uniformed on easy details and crea bureau of repairs and ies, and the city will have the benefit of these measures of retrenchment. As a sample of the difference between the old style and the new, ten places fixed in the 1910 budget are declared unnecessary by the present fire commissioner.

Retrenchment is the policy all along

Kingsley L. Martin, commissioner of bridges, expects to save avout \$40,000

which did not meet with approval at first, claims to have "saved \$608.33 in salaries during the month of January The Park Commissioner has saved \$2,960.12 in the February payrolls by the dismissal of 31 superfluous employes and an assistant superintendent. Cyrus C. Miller, president of the rough of the Bronx, says that salof engineers, mechanics and clerks, whom he has discharged would

New York, it appears, has had a number of "corporation inspectors." The office of "inspector" is not entirely unknown in this City, particularly when the council, just before election time, gets busy paving the streets. The New York "corporation inspectors," it is said, received \$4 a day, but instead of inspecting work of the cor-poration to see that they did their duty toward the public, these care-free persons for the most part de-voted their attention to saloons. Others had a more respectable way of spending their time. It is claimed that only a few years ago a minister in the Bronx was accepting money as "corporation inspector." These unnecessary offices have been abolished. The present temper of the New York

administration is illustrated in the following from the New York Evening

"At the second meeting of the Board of Aldermen, under the new administration, one of the fusion Aldermen objected to the printing of superfluous copies of a certain resolution.

"Why," exclaimed Alderman Dowling, "Why make such a fuss over this; it only amounts to about \$4."

"But," protested the fusion, Alderman

policy of honesty continue and prove contagious. If the germ of that policy could be procured, an occasional injec-tion into our own public affairs would

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION.

The recent convention of mayors of tan cities, that was held in Logan, passed a resolution asking the Gov-ernor to appoint a permanent committee on state and municipal taxation

The "News" endorses the proposition, and ventures the suggestion that men who have made a prolonged study and have done some investigation in the subject of municipal and state taxa-

tion be placed on this committee.

We have in mind such students of economic and other municipal questions as Prof. Coray of the state uni-versity.Prof. Thomas of the Agricultural college, Mr. Henry Lawrence of this city and others who might be named, but with whose work we are less familiar.

This committee should include also one or more persons of practical experlence in assessing and collecting taxes or versed in the sources of state and municipal revenues. Some of the city and state auditors and assessors have shown their grasp of the prob-lems of taxation, and their assistance

might well be secured. The problem of taxation is one of enusual importance. Our present at-

real property is undervalued, that the he wealth of our citizens or the re the purposes of taxation.

If all real estate were uniformly undervalued, and if all the personal property that is not taxed, were uniformly distributed among all the tax-payers, then there would not be so much ground for criticism.

But the present methods are not clone misleading and illogical; they are unjust. Many who have much proper ty pay little tax thereon; and those with comparatively little property oft en pay, relatively, too much in taxes.

Again, improvements in the way of unproductive homes and improved

premises, are always fully taxed, for they cannot be hidden; whereas, property which yields a large income rents or profits is often but lightly taxed. This fault is the fundamental evil of our present methods.

Finally, those whose personal property consists of cash in hand, which

they have just derived from railroads, mines, factories, stores, or large farming operations, are often able to conceal this money from the assessor's for investment elsewhere, although it was made out of the resources of this very region. This is another fault that cries out for some effective remedy.

work and many reforms for a committee on municipal and state taxation to accomplish, and we have no doubt that the Governor will give this matter his closest attention for the public

NEW HOTEL IDEAS.

Chicago is to have a hotel, thirty not be the highest building in this try, for the Equitable building York, has 62 stories; the Metropolitan, 50, and the Singer, 41. But it will be the tallest hotel in the world and that it will be unsurpassed in elegance and comfort goes without saying. There seems to be particular in the heighth of the building though why it should be desirable to rear structures to live in, rivaling the Tower of Babel, as long as there is plenty of ground to build on, is difficult to understand.

New York has another idea in hotel building. There they are talking of erecting a hotel with 1,500 rooms and make a uniform price of \$1.50 a day. This seems to be a splendid idea. It brings cleanliness within the reach of the wayfarer with a moderate-sized purse. There can be little doubt that it will be well patronized at the reaonable price suggested.

THE FAIRBANKS INCIDENT.

The Fairbanks incident in Rome, recently referred to in these columns, is the subject of editorial comment and explanations in a paper published in Rome and speaking for the Catholics The paper seems to be particularly bitter against the Methodists in Rome "They entered," so it says, "Rome through the breach made Sept. 20, 1870, with Garibaldi's redshirts," and their efforts are not to minister to the wants of visiting Methodists, but to "pervert

the faith of the people." The charge is further made that "the Methodists have always been bitterly coming every opportunity to discharge their venom against Catholicism a the holy see. Statistics, compiled by themselves, show that the cost of making a single Roman a Methodist averages 7,000 francs (\$1,400). During the last forty years they have spent twelve millions in this unholy work of prose-lyting Catholics, especially Catholic chidren.'

And these the paper gives as reasons why the advisers of the pope were justified in urging his holiness to refuse to receive Mr. Fairbanks after he had promised to speak in the Methodist

Does it not sound strange in a Catholic paper to protest against Protestant proselytism? Is not the Catholic church itself engaged in the work of proselytism in all the world? Is it not spending millions on missionary work? gaged in the propaganda? Can it he wrong for Methodists to do in Rome what the Catholics are doing in Lon-

don, and all over the world?

We are pleased to say that the it only amounts to about \$4"
"But,' protested the fusion Alderman, 'it is not necessary, and even \$4 is so much saved."
"Well, if that is the fusion policy,' said the Tammany leader in disgust. I withdraw my opposition,' and he sat down amazed.
"And that puts well the difference between the new administration and the old. Not thoroughly understood, the idea is, however, slowly penetrating the minds of the Tammany men that a wasteful expenditure, even of \$4 of the city's money, is not to be treated lightly."

Good for New York! And the control of the city's money, is not to be treated lightly." Good for New York! And may the Utah, and will be listened to with respect and attention as long as they labor in a Christian spirit. They are perfectly welcome to all the proselytes

they can make by legitimate means. The Catholic attitude seems to be very much the same as it was before the Reformation. Rome believed that hers was the only church, and that everyone baptized belonged to her. She considered herself responsible for their salvation, and since there is, in her view, no salvation outside the churchextra ecclesiam nulla salus-there was no reason why she should not employ the state to compel people to accept salvation. That attitude is of course, wrong. Freedom demands equal rights

PROHIBITION CARTOONS.

Cartoons are to be used in the cam palgn for temperance throughout the country, on a larger scale than ever The Associated Prohibition press has secured the services of Charles Lederer, one of the able cartoonists of the country, whose productions have appeared in the New York World, New York Herald, New York Tribune, Chi-cago Chronicle, Chicago Herald, and

other great newspapers.

Mr. Lederer's characterizations, it is announced, will treat with telling effect on the most timely points of dis-cussion and argument of the prohibition agitation, and will prove equally tempts at its solution are far from satisfactory. So much personal property escapes taxation, and so much

humorous sketches and child verse, illustrated by his own pen, have widely extended his reputation, while for many years he has proved one of the most popular attractions in Chautauqua and Lyceum courses throughout the country,

Cartoons can be used legitimately as

veapons against sin and error; against

folly, superstition, and ignorance, and

in the defense of truth, and everything that tends to the development and progress in the right direction. But they are too often employed in the service of malice and hatred, as daggers in the hands of character-assas-Like swords they can be used for the defense of home, country, religion; or for purposes of murder. fact, the accusation that a series of malignant cartoons were, partly, responsible for the fatal assault upon President McKinley has never been met successfully. Like fire, cartoons ingly dangerous in the hands of careand unscrupulous individuals. The cartoons sent out by the Prohibition press, we have no doubt, will deal with principles and not with persons. That is, they will keep within the

The convict is the only really fancy

No, banana peels do not grow on

Dressmakers have the only genuino model husbands.

High prices for meat and eggs are

More men have receptive hands than receptive minds It looks as though oleomargarin

had come to stay. Mr. Glavis may be short on facts but

he is long on answers. If you please your neighbor you quite

A man who wouldn't think of murdering sleep will kill time

likely disappoint yourself.

Dr. Cook may be traveling in South America or he may be traveling in

The two dogs that Chief Barlow has only bloodhounds.

Albany, N. Y., is a capital place in which to hold an investigation into legislative corruption.

postal savings bill shows that he ha

Census secrets are to be held sacred chief guarantee of their sac

San Francisco's two boards of edu cation are waging a merry war Presumably it is a campaign of edu

That first robin is an early bird all right enough but it hasn't They are all in the frozen

An expectant public patiently but anxiously awaits the calling of Mr. Pinchot to the witness stand. It is desirous to know what kind of a tale he will unfold.

A Boston prima donna has sued man named Kraut for a hundred thousand dollars damages for breach of promise. It looks much like a case

"Uncle Joe" says that his hobby is to watch other men's hobbies. If he wants to study the career of a real hobby horse rider let him take up the life of Uncle Toby

Roosevelt's visit to that city will be devoid of the spectacular features that characterized ex-President Grant's visit at the time of his tour around the

Dan'el J. Keefe, commissioner gen port, speaking of the white slave traf fic, says that in some cities "the traffic is connected with local political con ditions and some of the municipal au thorities are implicated." Does this apply to the "stockade" in this city, Mr. Mayor?

Dr. Charcot, the French explorer who ding to his plans when he left for the Antarctic regions, intended to make dash for the South Pole during Janu ary, or February, of the present year, in automobile sleds, has returned. Dis patches from Valparaiso, Chile, state tific point of view. He reached 70 de grees latitude and discovered 120 miles of new land, southwest of Alexander island. Otherwise the expedition does not appear to have been a success, ex cept in so far as the safe return of the explorers may be so designated. They did not go any farther south than did Shackleton. The automobile sleds must Senator Root's amendment to the of the Antarctic continent,

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

THE MID-DAY EXCURSIONS OF SENATORS EDMUNDS AND THUR-MAN.

By J. E. Edwards.

This dally series of anecdotes and incidents that throw new, interesting and frequently dramatic light on famous events and personalities of the past have been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less intimate acquainance with many of the country's leaders since the Civil war. Each anecdote or incident is fresh from Mr. Edwards's notebook, and, either in whole or in part, it constitutes New News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who made the news—the history—or from equally authoritative sources. As important contributions of the "Human Interest" sort to American history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.

During the years when the venerable George F. Edmunds, now 82, and Allen George F. Edmunds, now 82, and Auen G. Thurman, who was the tail of the defeated Cleveland ticket of 1888, were looked upon as the great intellectual leaders of the federal senate, there was established between them a warm personal friendship. It was a friendship due not merely to the respect each gave the other for profound intellectual ability, but also to a sense of personal congeniality. The very fact that the senator from Vermont sat upon the Republican side, and the senator from Ohioupon the Democratic side of the senate, seemed but to intensify their common feeling of friendship. And it was a friendship that had at least one confidential aspect.

For months promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of each day when the senate was in session, Senator Edmunds, after nestling a little uneasily for a moment in his seat, in the very front row of the chamber, would turn half way around, gradually and with great dignity, until he caught the eye of Senator Thurman, who, while the Vermont senator was executing this manuever, would have a faint expectant expression. G. Thurman, who was the tail of the

remotely opposite the distinguished senator from Ohlo would appear. He would pause upon the threshold, with-draw his huge bandanna handkerchief from a capacious pocket, blow one from a capacious pocket, blow trumpet blast upon it, and then t his seat and look reflectively fo while Into vacancy.

What happened in the interval, when these two great minds, by their absence, left a void in the senate shamber?

After he had disappeared through the door near the vice president's chair, Senator Edmunds would enter the committee room over which he had authority, and sit at the table and pretend to look at some papers. Pretty soon in would come Senator Thurman.

You would have thought that each of them was surprised to see the other; Senator Edmunds would greet Senator Thurman as if he hadn't seen him for weeks. Then the former would turn to the attendant.

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For the space of a moment the two would look into each other's eyes. Then, deliberately, Senator Edmunds would rise, and, with great dignity, pass before the acting vice president, David Davis of Illinois, nod his head as though in recognition of the high office, and disappear through the door at the rear of the vice president's chair.

A moment or two later the great senator from Ohio would slowly rise from his seat on the aisle, hesitate a moment, and then, turning, pass slowly out of the chamber by a door remotely opposite to that through which Senator Edmunds had vanished.

Perhaps 20 minutes or half an hour later, the door to the rear of the vice president would pass to his seat, and then, having gained it, he would rest his head upon his shoulders and sit twirling his thumbs most absentiy.

A moment or two later, from the door

CRANKING THE HUMAN MOTOR.

Exchange.

Doubtless no problem is more vexing nowadays than the problem of food. How to get it, what kind to get and what to do with it after it is obtained these are a few of the points to be decided, and their kin, direct and collateral, is legion. We have the vegetarians on the one hand, the meat consumers on the other; there is a school that preaches the eating of raw food only, another that insists that all varieties be served strictly done and piping hot: an eminent physician prescribes hash, on the ground that fleshy food should be put into the stomach in chunks invariably; whereas the Fletcherites scorn to swallow a mouthful that has not been chewed thirty-two times and upward; there are those who advocate copious drafts of water along with one's meals, others who view with alarm the very suggestion of liquids with food, there are two-meals-a-day radidists and the five meals-a-day radidists and the five meals-a-

JUST FOR FUN

Miscellaneous Mirth.
Father—You are marrying my daughter for love, you say? But she gets 80,000 marks dowry.
Suitor—Well, that can't be avoided, can it?—Fliegende Blatter.

"How would you like to take part in cantata?" "I'd jump at the chants."—Louis-ville Courier-Journal.

"Why, Harry! How does it happen that you can't spell even the simplest words?".
"I can't spell 'em if they ain't in our spellin' book, can I?"—Cleveland Plain Deale

"Lottle, what would you do if you woke up some night and found a burglar in your room?"
"If he was hunting for money I'd get up and help him hunt."—Life.

Do you believe in premonition?"
"I don't know, but if it's one of
those sure cures for a cold I don't."—
Detroit Free Press.

"I thought I ordered quail!"
"Dat's quail, suh."
"Quail nothing! That's chicken!"
"It was chicken, suh, but it seed

me acomin',"
'What has that to do with it?"
'De sight of a cullud pusson always
makes a chicken quall, suh!"—Houston Post,

"Here's a remarkable gold coin I want to show you, old man."
"Eh? This is an ordinary half-easle. What's remarkable about it?"
"It belongs to me,"—Boston Transcript.

The father—Did mamma punish you oday, Tommie? The boy—Yes, sir.

"What did she do?"

"Made me stay in the house while
she was taking her singing lesson."—
Yonkers Statesman.

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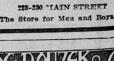
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